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(54) Polariscopes

(57) In a polariscopes including first (28) and second (32) quarter wave plates arranged one on either side of a sample (30) under test, first (26) and second (34) liquid crystal devices are provided adjacent the quarter wave plates and can be switched between two optical conditions to alter the polariscopes between a plane polarised and a circularly polarised mode.

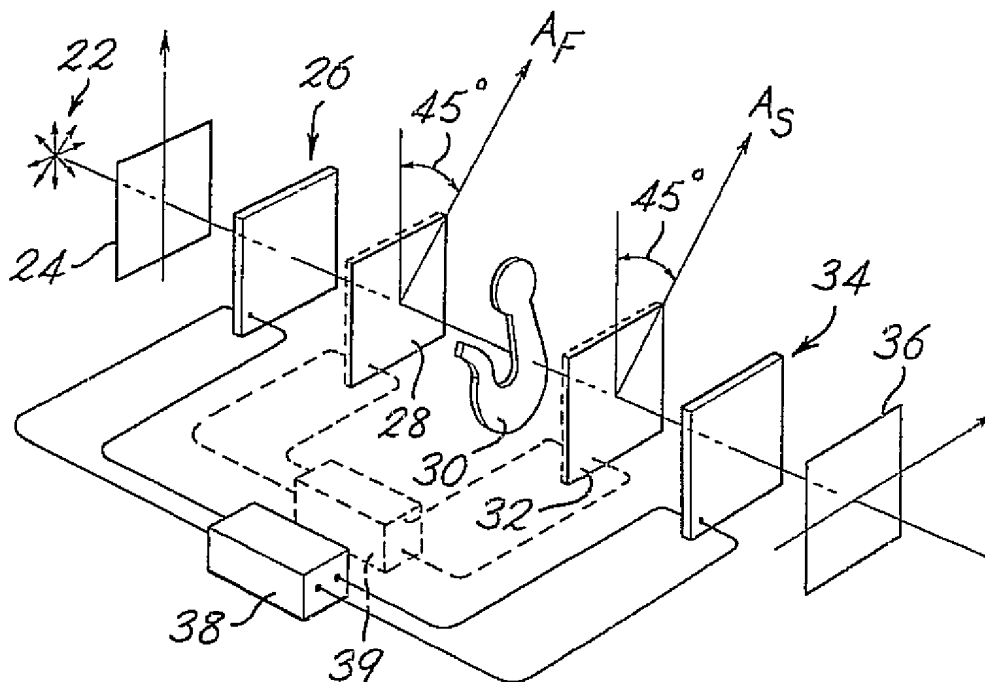


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